

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Parents' Evening

It was great to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. I hope the session was informative and gave the opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher a little better.

### Whole School Book Project

When attending parents' evening, you may have noticed the amazing displays for our most recent whole school book project *A River*. The children have worked so hard to produce a range of superb writing and art work. We are very proud of each child's achievements. Every child's work is on display, either in the hall or their classroom. Well done to all children and staff for another highly successful project. Please [click here](#) for more photos.

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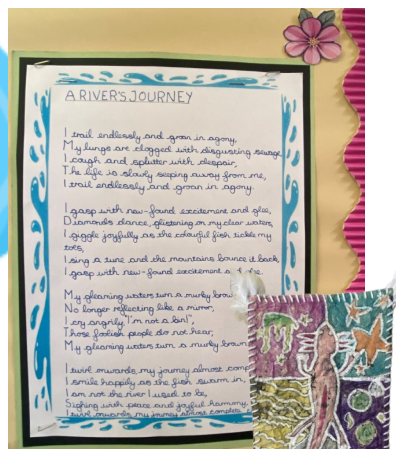
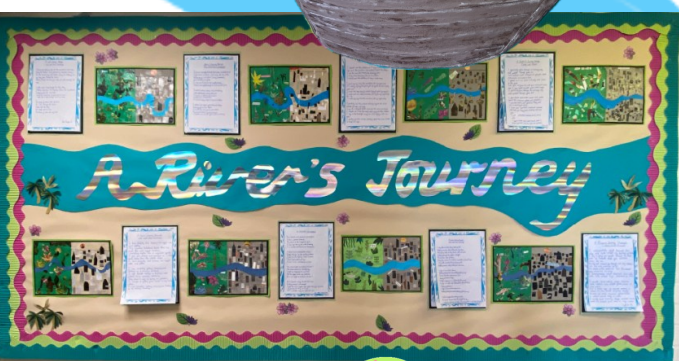
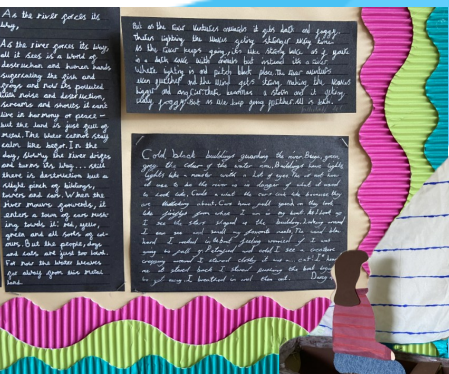
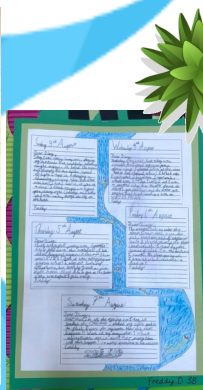
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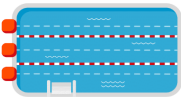
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# Swimming Pool update

As you will be aware our swimming pool is ageing and in regular need of costly maintenance and repairs which cause the pool to not always be open. This is the current situation with another round of expensive work needed. After much discussion, exploration and prediction of future expenditure over the coming years; the governing body and leadership team have made the difficult but financially strategic decision to no longer invest in maintaining the pool. This means we will not be swimming after Easter and will now move to swimming offsite next academic year. I know this will be disappointing news and it has been a difficult decision to make. Please be reassured that the swimming teaching model we will move to will be in line with the vast majority of other primary schools. I will update you further when we have more detail.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Reid

# PTA SPRING BALL



# Spring Ball

## TOTAL RAISED £10,491

WE CANNOT THANK EVERYONE ENOUGH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!  
TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED PRIZES, SUPPORTED THE RAFFLE & THE AUCTION, &  
THOSE WHO ATTENDED ON SATURDAY NIGHT....THANK YOU!

ALL OF THE PROFITS RAISED GO DIRECTLY BACK TO THE SCHOOLS, SUPPORTING  
FANTASTIC PROJECTS THAT FURTHER THE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR  
CHILDREN

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

- NINTENDO SWITCH LITE - MARIA H / 5A
- £100 OLD BANK VOUCHER - DOMINIC P / ELDER
- ELECTRIC HOVERBOARD - WILLIAM R / 4C
- LIFE ON HIGH DINNER & COCKTAILS - ROSA K / 5A
- MOTHER'S DAY HAMPER - HEIDI W / 3B
- TOY HAMPER - SAMUEL F / 4C
- WILD RED BUNDLE - NEVE / 5J
- ROSES & BLOOM VOUCHER - LUCA / PRIMROSE
- DEBBIE DRAWS MAPS BUNDLE - CHARLIE B / SQUIRREL
- DEVITA BEAUTY VOUCHER - IAN K / 6A
- TEMPER TEMPER VOUCHER - LUCY / ELDER
- SKIN AESTHETICS VOUCHER - THOMAS W / 6MW
- CHIDDINGSTONE DAIRY VOUCHER - BONNIE / PRIMROSE
- OLIVER BONAS VOUCHER - ARIA / HEDGEHOG
- PHEASANT PLUCKER VOUCHER - RAPH / 5J

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE  
SUCCESSFUL AUCTION BIDDERS TOO!



Thank You!

AND A FINAL THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS



# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school. Please complete for **ANY** appointment during the day.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note that our Breakfast Club **opens at 7.30am** only. We would appreciate if children are not dropped off before 7.30am.



## BIKEABILITY TRAINING

We have one remaining space for the **Year 6 Bikeability Cycle Training** on **Friday, 30 May 2025**. Riders must have a roadworthy bike, a helmet, and be able to balance, control their bike, and follow instructions. **First come, first served!**

To enquire, email [office@amherst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@amherst.kent.sch.uk).



## YEAR 3 - MAGAZINE DONATIONS

The Year 3 teachers would really appreciate any children's magazines which you may have at home, for some reading activities. It would be helpful if some educational magazines such as Kids National Geographic, First News, The Week Junior and Eco Kids Planet could be donated.



## PARKING

**Parents, please consider our neighbours and children** walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school. Please can parents avoid blocking driveways and double parking in Witches Lane.



## COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards our Red Nose Day Fundraising events. As a school community we raised **£1099.20!**



## LETTERS SENT

Year 5— Trip to Bessels Green Baptist Church on 23/04/2025



## PTA CALENDAR

Please [click here](#) to see what our PTA is up to!



## WINNING HOUSE – THIS TERM

Congratulations to BRADBOURNE who is the winning house for this term. Children in Bradbourne house are allowed to come dressed in Red on the last day of term.



22 March	PTA Spring Ball
24 March	Year 6 - Love to Dance Show - Stag Theatre
25 March	Parent Consultations
27 March	Parent Consultations
28 March	PTA School Disco
31 March	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm (Dress Rehearsal)
1 April	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm (For Parents)
1 April	Amherst School Music Festival - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
3 April	PTA - 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm
4 April	Last Day of Term 4

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Ffion B
3CL	Juliette R
3WH	Enoch Y
4C	Philip L
4SF	Lara H
4T	Ruby W

5A	Rosa K
5HR	Eirene B
5J	Alice O
6A	Lucas D
6MW	Polly S
6W	Ella B



## AJFC OUTDOOR CUP

On Saturday 22nd March Amherst Junior FC played their 'outdoor cup' at Weald of Kent's all weather pitch. A cracking morning of football played in outstanding spirit by all the children.

Winners for the juniors (Y2-Y4) were the Pumas, who won a tight final 1-0 against their League rivals Lynx. Pumas team (Orange) on the day from left Tommy M, Henry L, Aidyn B, Philip L, Toby B, Marcus P and Oscar H

Winners for the seniors (Y5+Y6) were the Colts team (Red), who won 3-1 against the Bears. Colts team on the day from left Billie-Jean S, Oliver K, Max P, Rex S, Nathan IC, Leo G.

## RUGBY

Amherst were well represented in the Kent U10's rugby festival at Gravesend on Sunday.

- **Team Blue** featured Max P, Jasper F, Tobias W and William H. They played 4 and won 4, scoring buckets of tries on the way.
- **Team Red** featured Jasper P & Ernie M, also winning all their games.
- Whilst **Team Yellow** featured Connor B, played 4 won 3.

Well done to all our rugby players!



## GIRLS FOOTBALL

On a beautiful sunny day, Thursday 20th March, the Amherst Girls Football Team competed at the Charlton Athletic Community Trust girls football tournament. There were 14 teams competing from schools across South East London and Kent. The teams were split into two groups A and B, Amherst being within group A. The girls started off the group with a great run of two wins, a draw, two more wins and lastly a draw. This saw the girls top their group with a goal difference

of 10! The top four teams from each group progressed to the quarterfinals and Amherst saw off their opposition with a 2-1 win. Amherst then fought hard in the semi-final to triumph against Invicta 1-0. After a short break the girls were back out on the pitch for the final. The girls played with the grit and determination that they always display but unfortunately on this occasion they were runners-up. A big congratulations to all of the girls who participated, we are extremely proud of you all for the courage and gamesmanship you showed throughout the tournament. Maddie H, Beatrix D, Chayila M, Ruby Q, Clarissa M, Ella B and Maya S. Mrs Hobbs and Mr Arnott



## BALLROOM DANCING

Ffion B (3B) took part in the NATD ballroom dancing competition this weekend in Reading and won 4th place for her jive, 3rd place in the couples waltz and 2nd place in the couples cha cha-cha!

Well done Ffion!!





## HOCKEY

On Sunday Amherst hockey boys played for Sevenoaks Hockey Club in the Under 10 Boys' Kent Cup against other clubs across Kent. Sevenoaks had a team in both the Cup and Plate competitions, both of which had Amherst boys playing in them.

Both teams played fantastically well. The boys in the cup competition won 4 of their matches and drew 1, narrowly missing out on the gold medal on goal difference. They are proud of their silver medal and second place sees them go through to the Regionals in April. Photo of the Amherst boys in the cup team.

Congratulations to William W-E, Xander W, Thomas P and Oliver B!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SEVENOAKS SCHOOL OF DANCE**



**EASTER Workshop**

14th & 15th April  
10am-3pm

Dance, Arts & Crafts  
Games & lots of fun!

At Amherst School  
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2AX  
2 days £50 or 1 day £30

To book your place, please contact:  
amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

**FOAL FARM Animal Rescue**

## EASTER EGG HUNT

5th - 21st April 2025  
Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Pick up your entry form from reception  
Find the animals in the Easter Egg pictures  
Collect your prize from the Tea Room  
No booking required


**£4 per entry**



Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
www.foalfarm.org.uk



**FROM AMHERST SCHOOL TO TONBRIDGE**



**TONBRIDGE ONLY CONNECT**

Our aim is that no boy who could benefit from a Tonbridge education is prevented from doing so because of an inability to pay the fees.

Our Foundation Awards offer up to 100% fee reduction and are available for boys in Year 6, with support if needed in Years 7 and 8 at local prep schools, before joining Tonbridge in Year 9.

[Click here to learn more](#)



## EASTER CAMP

Chipstead Place Lawn Tennis Club

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th of April  
Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th of April

9:00-12:00 ages 5-10  
14:30-17:30 ages 11-16

All standards welcome & rackets can be provided if required!

£80 for club member for one week  
£90 for non members for one week  
Individual days available upon request

10% early bird discount for all bookings paid by the 21st of March

Contact adam@artennis.co.uk

